Swampy areas in the Alleppey Municipality.

131. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there exist extensive swampy areas and slums within the Municipal town of Alleppey?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: There are some water-logged areas within the town and the question of filling them up is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED: സ്ഥാംപിഷ്ടരിയാസ് നന്നാക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രവർത്തിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ അത്യം കുറെ ശ്രദ്ധ പതിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു. പിന്നീട് നിറുത്തേണ്ടതായിട്ടാണ് വന്നത്.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED: അത് നിറുത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണം ദയവായി പറയാമോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: പൊന്തംവില കൊടുത്തു സ്ഥലങ്ങളെടുക്കുന്നതിനു പണം ധാരാളം ആവശ്യമായതുകൊണ്ട് തൽക്കാലം നിവർത്തിയില്ലാതെ വന്നു.

Rise of the price of foodstuffs.

132. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a steady rise of the price of foodstuffs and, if so, what action has been taken to check this abnormal rise and profiteering?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: With the declaration of war by Japan, there was a marked increase in the price of rice and paddy; but prompt measures were taken by Government to prevent any abnormal rise in price and to check profiteering or hoarding with a view to profiteering. Government have accordingly passed the Travancore Essential Commodities (Census) Order, 1117, dated 15th December 1941, and the Notification R. O. C. No. 920/41—C. S., dated 28th December 1941, under Section 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules. Since then, the rice market within the State has not shown any violent fluctuations. The control measures already taken regarding the price of rice and paddy are also being enforced and these prices bear a close relation to the prices prevailing in the adjoining State of Cochin. Owing to recent developments in the war situation shipments of rice from Rangoon to Travancore ports have become impossible and suitable measures have therefore been taken to secure supplies from elsewhere. Every facility is being given by Government to large scale importers of rice from abroad and the railway authorities have been moved to provide sufficient number of wagons for the transport of rice to Travancore. Government have also taken steps to maintain supplies to meet emergencies.

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